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Saddam's sons
dead in Mosul

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Lt. Gen. Sanchez details mission killing Saddam Hussein's sons

by Kathleen T. Rhem
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WASHINGTON—U.S. military officials in Iraq believe a coalition missile barrage at roughly 1 p.m. local time July 22 struck the fatal blow to Uday and Qusay Hussein.

Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez this morning described the 101st Airborne Division operation in northeast Mosul, Iraq, that led to the deaths of Saddam Hussein's sons, numbers two and three on U.S. Central Command's list of most wanted members of the former regime, and two others.

Published media reports have said the other two individuals were Qusay Hussein's 14-year-old son and a bodyguard. Sanchez was unable to confirm this, saying officials are still working to positively identify the other two bodies.

Speaking at a press conference in Baghdad, Sanchez, the commander of Coalition Joint Task Force 7, said July 22 was "a landmark day for the people and the future of Iraq."

In a White House appearance a few hours later, President Bush agreed.

"Yesterday, in the city of Mosul, the careers of two of the regime's chief henchmen came to an end," Bush said in an appearance with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Joint Chief's Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, and Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. civil administrator in Iraq.

"Saddam Hussein's sons were responsible for the torture, maiming and murder of countless Iraqis," he said. "Now more than ever, all Iraqis can know that the former regime is gone and will not be coming back."

Sanchez said the operation began late July 21, when an Iraqi civilian gave coalition forces information as to the whereabouts of Uday and Qusay.

That night, coalition commanders planned the operation, gathered the required troops and weapons systems, and cordoned off the neighborhood. Iraqi police established an outer perimeter, Sanchez said.

The general said the mission began at 10 a.m. July 22 as a "cordon-and-knock operation," in which coalition troops secure an area then knock and ask if the individuals they are looking for are in the residence. In this instance, troops "knocked" using a bullhorn to order everyone out of the building. When they got no response, soldiers entered the home at 10:10 a.m. local time.

"Immediately upon entering the building, shots were fired," Sanchez said. "We immediately determined that the targeted individuals were barricaded in the fortified portion of the building, which was the second floor, and they started engaging with small arms," believed to be AK-47 rifles.

Three soldiers were injured on the stairs and another outside the building before the unit withdrew and called in a quick-reaction force and "heavy weaponry."

The injured soldiers were evacuated within minutes. At this point, ground commanders decided it was appropriate to "prep the objective prior to reentry,"

Sanchez said. In military speak, this means to use heavier firepower to make the situation safer for the soldiers on the ground. In this case, commanders called for the use of OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters and their 2.75-inch rockets, Mark-19 grenade launchers, AT-4 rockets, and helicopter- and humvee-mounted .50-caliber machine guns.

At noon, the general explained, soldiers attempted entry again and again took fire from the second floor and chose to withdraw. Further "preparatory fires" were called for.

At 1 p.m., forces on the ground fired 10 tube-launched optically tracked wire-guided missiles, commonly called TOWs, into the house. "We believe it's likely that the TOW missile attack was what wound up killing three of the adults," Sanchez said.

At this point, he explained, officials considered using heavier weapons, such as those on AH-64 Apache helicopters and Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, which were standing by, but decided against that course of action because of the risk of unintended damage to the surrounding neighborhood.

Twenty-one minutes later, forces again entered the home, took fire as they reached the second floor, and "killed the remaining individual."

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On the cover: A cloud of dust and smoke billows out from a building hit with a TOW missile launched by soldiers of the Army's 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) on July 22, 2003, in Mosul, Iraq. Saddam Hussein's sons Qusay and Uday were killed in a gun battle as they resisted efforts by coalition forces to apprehend and detain them. Photo by Sgt. Curtis G. Hargrave, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera).

Keane announces unit rotation schedule

By Spc. Bill Putnam
Army New Service

WASHINGTON - Gen. Jack Keane said that most units deploying to Iraq over the next few months can expect stays of up to one year when he announced the unit rotation schedule Thursday.

"What we have done is taken (Gen. John Abizaid's) requirements and his needs, and looked at the forces in Iraq, and devised a plan to meet those needs," said Keane, the acting Army chief of Staff. Abizaid is the commander of Central Command.

Here's how the rotation schedule for Iraq currently looks:

- The 82nd Airborne Division will replace the 3rd Infantry Division by September. Only one brigade and the division headquarters from the 82nd Airborne will deploy to Iraq. Two of the division's brigades are currently deployed, one is in Afghanistan and the one in Iraq

will re-deploy by January.

- The 1st Infantry Division will deploy from Germany to replace the 4th Infantry Division by April.

- The 1st Cavalry Division will replace both the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 1st Armored Division by April.

- The Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, will replace the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment by March 2004.

- The 173rd Airborne Brigade will re-deploy back to Italy by April.

- A multinational division will replace the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) by February. Leadership of the 101st confirms that current plans are for the division to redeploy in the February / March 2004 timeframe.

- Two Army National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigade Teams will deploy with the 1st ID and the 1st Cavalry. Keane didn't name the Guard units tapped for deployment, though.

The one exception to the 12-month deployments are the Guard brigades, said

Keane. They will be mobilized for one year but will spend six months in Iraq.

Deployments beyond that one-year period are still being looked at, said Keane and Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the vice-director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Keane said it was important to understand the three guidelines that are driving the new Iraq rotation policy.

Abizaid needs a force large enough to defeat the guerilla movements that threaten securing Iraq.

To do that, a predictable number of soldiers on the ground are needed. An intended rotation plan of 12 months was the solution to that, Keane said.

Recognizing that most units deploying to Iraq will come from the Army, the military wants to use active-duty units from all branches of the U.S. military, said Keane. Engineer units from the Air Force or Navy might be deployed in place of Army engineer units, he explained.

Editor's note: A portion of this story came from the 101st Abn. Div. (AAst.) Public Affairs Office.

431st Civil Affairs controls curious crowd at attack site

by Pfc. Thomas Day
40th PAD

Soldiers from the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, found themselves controlling and preventing any possible violence at the site of a 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) raid on a home owned by a cousin of Saddam Hussein, which left two of Saddam's sons, Uday and Qusai dead.

As hundreds of locals crowded around the house, soldiers from the 431st with help from soldiers from the 926th Engineering Battalion kept the pack at bay, according to Lt. Col. William Bishop, "to make sure the on-lookers and sightseers don't come into the target area in case there's any (un-exploded



Pfc. Thomas Day

Soldiers from the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, from Little Rock, Ark., control a crowd gathering around a building destroyed during a 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) raid on an house with Uday and Qusai Hussein inside.

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Paul Wolfowitz visits the 101st

by Pfc. Mary Rose Xenikakis
22nd MPAD

Deputy Secretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz, attended many meetings, pinned on Purple Hearts and ate local food while he took in the many beautiful sites throughout Mosul Monday.

The trip through Mosul was hosted by Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) who gave Wolfowitz a chance to see for his own eyes the progress made and the possibilities which are in store for this part of the country.

His morning started by honoring 23 soldiers who had been injured during conflicts. As he pinned the Purple Hearts to the pocket flap of the soldier's uniforms, he took time to talk with each one of them. He then warned the soldiers, "The battle is not over yet. You are still in a combat situation."

After the ceremony Wolfowitz and 101st officials walked throughout the city's center talking to people on the street, and then met with the city's Mayor and his council members.

"I'm impressed by the thoughtful discussion I had with the council members," Wolfowitz said. "They understand the key to progress is to enable the Iraqi people to realize their potential as individuals."

Then in a press meeting later in the morning, he told international media, including many local press members



Pfc. Mary Rose Xenikakis

Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus walk throughout the city center of Mosul Monday.

about his experiences since he landed in Iraq.

"I was last in this part of the world twelve years ago, just about, to the day," he said. "That was my first experience with what Iraq can be like when it's free. I got a much stronger sense of that today in Mosul. It's a great sense of relief to be out from under the boot of dictatorship."

He told them that there's a great deal of work that needs to be done to build a free, democratic and prosperous Iraq.

"I'm very encouraged about what I've heard this morning," Wolfowitz said. "I'm

impressed with the spirit and resourcefulness of the Iraqi people."

According to Wolfowitz after talking with veterans who served in Bosnia and Kosovo, he said that people in Iraq are moving along much faster than people in those two countries did.

"It's been a great pleasure to show him (Wolfowitz) some of the progress that's been achieved," Petraeus said.

Wolfowitz told the soldiers of the 101st Abn. Div. (AAslt.), "You've impressed the whole world. You're keeping that 'Rendezvous with Destiny.'"

Screaming Eagles honor southern sulfur fire heroes

(101st Abn. Div. (AAslt.))
PAO) – A memorial ceremony was held today by the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) honoring a fallen Iraqi firefighter and several others who were injured fighting a fire that erupted June 26 in a sulfur plant in Qayyarah, a small city south of Mosul.

Firefighters and engineers from the 101st are still working to extinguish the fire but took time to honor those who fought so bravely during the first days of the large-scale fire.

Also honored at the ceremony were the divisions 326th Engineer Battalion and the 938th Fire Fighting Detachment from New York who worked around the clock with bulldozers, fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment to contain the blaze.

During the ceremony, 11 soldiers gave 11 Iraqi firefighters new jumpsuits with the 101st Screaming Eagle patch sewn on. On the soldier's side, several received Army Commendation Medals

for their work battling the fire.

Mayors from provinces throughout Nineveh, key leaders from the 101st and NBC Nightly News anchorman Tom Brokaw attended the ceremony.

"The fire was a great tragedy, one man lost his life and several others were injured by the fire," said Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander 101st Abn. Div. (AAslt.).

The response by the Iraqi firemen and U.S. soldiers says much about the relationship

between coalition forces and local citizens, Petraeus said.

"U.S. soldiers, Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen came together and risked their lives to extinguish this fire for the last 24 days. While we mourn the loss of a brave man, we will celebrate the work done by these groups because it shows work toward a new Iraq," he said.

A special fund has been set up by U.S. forces and Iraqi leaders to help families affected by the fires.

Payday: Former Iraqi Military



Spc. Blake Kent

Payments to ex-Iraqi military have begun in Mosul, Iraq. The paysite was established by 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). On the first day of payments, ex-generals were paid. Their payment was \$120. Each day a different rank was paid their salary.



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Pfc. Thomas Day

(Above) local police and military police conduct weapons searches before the men are able to enter the payment facilities. (Left) A former Iraqi officer passes through the "paperwork" and verification section before receiving his salary (Right) A former Iraqi officer picks up his salary at a payment center.



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"Voice of the Youth of Mosul"

Group gains backing

by Pfc. Thomas Day
40th PAD

In May, among the many local citizens who crowded around the City Council building in downtown Mosul, was a group of citizens calling themselves the "Voice of the Youth of Mosul." They held a banner demanding their needs from with coalition forces and the new local government, and Brig. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, then the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) assistant division commander (operations), took notice.

Freakley met with the group and challenged them to put their words into actions by helping to clean a local court house. After 50 volunteers from the organization showed up to support the effort, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) leadership knew they could count on them to help the city's rebuilding efforts.

Now more than 400 members strong, the "Voice of the Youth of Mosul" is actively supported by and working with the coalition forces in the city and is involved in fighting unemployment, providing healthcare and is currently reestablishing a local nursing home.

"We are working to convince the youth to work together and to put their hands in



Pfc. Thomas Day

Capt. Julie Simoni of Knox, Ind., 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) CG's office, meets with members of the "Voice for the Youth of Mosul," a philanthropic organization in Mosul.

ours to help our country," said Raeen Fawzy Abed, president of the organization, through an interpreter. "We do care about our country and we want to do something to help people and to save our country."

"We want to help everyone in Mosul find solutions," Abed said.

The philanthropic organization now receives direct funding from the office of Maj. Gen. David Petreaus, commanding general, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"They are doing a lot more than what a contracted worker would do," said Capt. Julie Simoni of Knox, Ind., 101st commanding general's office. "They have all nationalities, all religions and they have

some women that help."

The view held by the "Voice of the Youth of Mosul" of the coalition forces they now work with has changed 180 degrees since the day they rallied outside the City Council building. "Originally this organization was opposed to U.S. occupation," Simoni added. "They're now willing to cooperate to help rebuild Mosul."

The organization in addition to providing skilled and un-skilled labor for rebuilding projects in Mosul, has also brought other needs of Mosul to the attention of the 101st Airborne leadership, according to Simoni. "Their voice wants to be heard, that's why we call them the 'Voice of the Youth of Mosul.'"

Around Iraq

Operation Soda Mountain over, successful

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CJTF-7 Public Affairs) - Operation Soda Mountain ended July 17 with Coalition forces achieving the objectives of neutralizing subversive individuals and removing potential enemy weapons from Iraq.

Coalition forces conducted 141 raids resulting in 611 individuals detained, including 62 former regime leaders. Additionally, Coalition forces captured 4,297 mortar rounds, 1,346 rocket-propelled grenades and 635 small arms as well as various other weapons.

Operation Soda Mountain, which followed Operations Peninsula Strike, Desert Scorpion and Sidewinder, continued the common purpose to deter, disrupt or defeat enemy attacks. Additionally, the operation served to identify and fund additional stability projects designed to provide or enhance long-term stability throughout Iraq.

In other activity, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) continued training and equipping Iraqi security forces, the Iraqi police force, New Iraqi

Army personnel, Iraqi Border Guards, Facility Protection Services, Joint Integrated Security Company and the New Iraqi Security Forces, in order to transition responsibilities for a safe and secure environment to an Iraqi force.

The 1st Armored Division continued to support payments to former members of the Iraqi Army by providing security. To date, more than 9,000 former soldiers have been paid.

Elsewhere, Coalition forces continued aggressive patrols throughout the country. During

one 24-hour period Coalition forces conducted 25 raids, 1,128-day patrols and 938-night patrols. They also jointly patrolled with the Iraqi Police conducting 131-day patrols and 151-night patrols. Independently, the Iraqi Police conducted nine-day patrols.

The total raids and patrols resulted in 270 arrests for various criminal activities including one for murder, one for kidnapping, five for car jacking, 10 for aggravated assault, eight for burglary and seven for looting.

Civil Affairs, Engineers help stabilize Northern Iraqi harvest

by Pfc. Thomas Day
40th Public Affairs Detachment

A water irrigation system at the northern tip of the Mosul Dam Lake, about 30 miles from the Iraqi-Syrian border, is receiving repairs and necessary parts to function courtesy of U.S. troops in the region. The irrigation system is responsible for pumping water into over 120,000 acres of land in Northern Iraq, according to Sgt. First Class James Akers of Jonesborough, Tenn., 926th Engineering Battalion (Birmingham, Ala.).

According to Akers, the facility is only running at 30 percent efficiency currently. "It's going to take a long time to get it back to 100 percent." The short term goal, he said, "is to get it to 60 percent."

With the local planting season starting in mid-September, the engineers and the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion's Food and Agriculture team delivered three water pumps to the facility. Unfortunately, two of the pumps delivered were not compatible

with the facility. Nonetheless, the engineers and civil affairs teams' efforts will continue on the irrigation system.

The facility is currently pumping about 2,000 gallons a second of water, according to Sgt. Sean Driscoll of Clarksville, Tenn., 326th Engineering Battalion. The irrigation system, according to Driscoll, is also running into problems with electricity, with only about 13 hours a day of steady power to run the facility.

"The power cuts and everything freezes," Driscoll said. "That's what's actually killing the station."

With the northern agriculture economy in Iraq in need of steady water flow, the Coalition Provisional Authority has supported this effort by providing the funds for the project. The pumps, according to Capt. Wade Reeves of Hattiesburg, Miss., 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, cost roughly \$20,000 each.

"The crops that are growing up here are a lot of wheat and they have a number of vegetable crops growing up here," Reeves said. "It was mainly the vegetables that were concerned about."



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Sgt. Sean Driscoll of Clarksville, Tenn., 326th Engineering Battalion, examines a package with one of hydro pumps for a Mosul Dam Lake irrigation system.

New Iraqi Army recruiting center opens in Mosul

by Pfc. Thomas Day
40th Public Affairs Detachment



Pvt. 2 Daniel Meacham

Staff Sergeant Shaver of 2nd Brigade 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) passes out enlistment forms to Iraqi citizens who are trying to volunteer for the New Iraqi Army Monday.

A recruiting and processing center for the New Iraqi Army opened in Mosul Saturday morning, with centers in Baghdad and Basra opening the same day. The center marks a starting point for the establishment of nine battalions in the Northern Division of Iraq by the summer of 2004, according to Col. Joseph Anderson, of White Plains, N.Y., commander, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"The importance of this is self sufficiency," Anderson said. "Iraqis taking care of Iraqis...they take the lead, not the coalition."

Anderson identified the local police force, force protection guards, border guards and the New Iraqi Army as four measures to improve security that coalition

forces are working with local officials to develop.

The 2nd Brigade commander visited the new recruiting center Saturday as a number of perspective officers began processing. "Right now we're just building the cadre," he said.

A number of prospective leaders in the New Iraqi Army were not able to join the new force because they did not qualify under one of the five non-waiverable disqualifiers.

Prospective soldiers, according to Staff Sgt. Joshua Shaver of Cookeville, Texas, HHC 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne, may not join the New Iraqi Army if that person:

- Is a former soldier in the Iraqi Republican Guard.
- Once held a rank of Colonel or higher in any Iraqi military force.
- "Violated any human rights at any time."
- Once held a Level 4 position or higher in

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Badush Prison renovations underway

by Spc. Joshua M. Risner
40th PAD

Compound C of the Badush Prison in Mosul is receiving renovations and redesign, thanks to soldiers of the 381st Military Police Detachment from San Jose, Calif.

"We're going through the overall design of the prison and suggesting improvements here and there to improve safety for the guards," said Capt. Ronald Prokup of Chicago, Ill., 381st MP Det. "We're trying to bring it up to international standards."

Suggestions for improvements were small ones, such as making windows in cells smaller and using barred doors on the cells for observation purposes.

The prison needs renovations from damage sustained from looting, according to Prokup.

All the windows in the building have



Spc. Joshua M. Risner

Capt. Ronald Prokup, 381st MP Det., shows members of the 431st CA Bn. blueprints of Badush Prison.

been broken, bathroom facilities were all but destroyed and refuse littered the grounds. The jail appeared to be abandoned.

"Saddam released all the prisoners in Oct. 2002. We don't think there have been any inmates housed here since," he said. "We're not even sure when it was looted, only that it's been empty for quite some time."

The 381st has civilian contractors working on the renovations to get the prison up and running again. "We're also

going to be training guards in August," Prokup said. "The first 50 graduates will assume duty here."

The cleanup in compound C is expected to be completed by about mid-September, according to Prokup. "We expect it to hold about 300 inmates and that will be tight," he said. "When we get the other two compounds open again, we can spread them out a little."

All three compounds put together can hold about 2,000 people, Prokup added.

1-320th Field Artillery opens renovated school

by Pfc. Thomas Day
40th PAD

A West Mosul primary school, ravaged by years of neglect under the former Iraqi regime, reopened Tuesday morning. The opening comes after six weeks of renovations from the soldiers of the Battery B, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Interim Mayor Ghanim al-Basso opened the "new" school by cutting a ceremonial ribbon, opening up the day's festivities to the cheers of dozens of students and teachers.

Al-Basso also toured the school and saw a facility look

little like the school that the soldiers found a month and a half ago.

The school received new chalkboards, fans, windows and bathroom plumbing.

"This area is one of many boys and girls and is in need of such a school," the interim mayor said through an interpreter. "It's a great service to Mosul and a great service to the area."

Shortly after the mayor opened the school, al-Baso joined Col. Joseph Anderson, commander, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and officers from the 1-320th FA Regt. who led the renovation efforts, in an opening day ceremony.

Chap. (Maj.) Carlos Huerta of Brooklyn, N.Y., battalion chaplain, 1-320th, spoke during

the ceremony in Arabic.

Huerta had led the effort to rebuild the school by securing funding through the Coalition Provisional Authority.

"This is just one," he said. "We've got two thousand more to go."

More than \$12,000 was spent to renovate the school, according to Capt. William Daugherty of Philadelphia, Penn. "It went a long way. This kind of work would cost a lot of money back in the states."

Daugherty also worked to gather funding for the project.

The 1-320th area of operation includes much of West Mosul. Sixteen schools are included in the battalion's area and seven are currently under renovations, although none were in adequate condition when the

unit moved into Mosul in the spring.

"To see what it looked like before," said Lt. Col. Mark Murray of Georgetown, Del., commander, 1-320th. "Filthy latrines, no running water, no safe place for the kids to play; now it's just a tremendous source of pride for me and our Bravo Battery soldiers to see it through."

"Now you have a very positive learning environment where the students will want to come to," said Capt. John Dolina of Washington, D.C., commander, Battery B, who assessed the school when his unit launched the project a month and a half ago.

"We've had people come up to us and thank us for the work that's been done to the school," he said.

101st and Mosul Olympic committee develop youth soccer program

by *Spc. Joshua Hutcheson*
101st Abn. Div. (AAslt.) PAO

More than 120 soccer teams, made up of youth males, age eight -18 from both sides of the Tigris River began a youth league season Saturday with the help of the Mosul Olympic Committee and soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The 103-game season, is scheduled to last until the beginning of the school year in September and is a feeder program for the Iraqi Olympic soccer team, said Capt. Lindsey Nagtzaam, chemical officer, Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

DISCOM was tasked to "improve and support the Mosul youth program," she said.

To accomplish this, the soldiers of the 101st sat down with the people of the Mosul Olympic committee, who were anxious to get an urban youth soccer program started in an effort to recruit and create a team that has been missing from the Olympic games for the last few years, Nagtzaam said.

The DISCOM soldiers visited youth playing clubs all over the city and put the word out that they were establishing a soccer league.

The Olympic committee gave DISCOM a list of equipment which it would need for the soccer program, and soldiers were given \$86,000 which they spent on soccer balls, jerseys, socks, cleats and other necessary sports equipment, Nagtzaam said.

Getting everything organized took much effort on the soldiers' part.

"It took about four weeks worth of

meetings and solid work...so tonight could be a reality," said Col. Sam Holloway, commander, DISCOM.

The next step for DISCOM is an attempt to fix and refurbish youth facilities around the city.

This includes getting new equipment, installing fans, air-conditioning, electricity and other non-structural improvements, Nagtzaam said.

DISCOM will look for a Non-Governmental Organization to help fund the refurbishing.

In a ceremony attended by 70 of the 121 teams, the season kicked off at the Mosul University stadium, with a preliminary game.

"It's wonderful to get these kids involved in athletics, and to see this many teams start the program today," Holloway said. "I'm glad the 101st could be part of this."

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Officials went to great lengths to confirm that two of the bodies were those of Uday and Qusay. Sanchez said that four separate senior members of the former regime identified the bodies independently, including number four on the list, Abid Hamid Mahmud, Saddam Hussein's personal secretary.

Officials studied x-rays that showed old wounds on one of the bodies were consistent with injuries Uday Hussein was known to have suffered in an earlier assassination attempt that left him partially paralyzed. Dental records also provided conclusive evidence of the identities of the two. Sanchez explained that because of damage to the body, dental records provided a 90 percent match for Uday. But dental records showed a 100 percent match for Qusay.

Autopsies will follow, he said, adding that officials are considering how to provide proof of the brothers' deaths to the Iraqi people. "We will provide follow-on information over the course of the coming days," he said. Sanchez also refused to rule out providing photographs of the bodies to the Iraqi public.



Spc. Blake Kent

Regime image gone, city's landmark highlighted

A new picture was erected outside the Mosul City Hall, Mosul, Iraq, replacing a picture of Saddam Hussein. The picture shows an old minaret that can be seen in Mosul. The sign says, 'Mosul, the center of trade for northern Iraq.' Sgt. Michael Bracken, 982nd Signal Company, (Combat Camera) took the image of the minaret.

Camp of the week: Top Gun



photos by Spc. Joshua M. Risner



This week's camp of the week features Top Gun, the stomping grounds of 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment. (Above) This monument in the Top Gun dining facility was built by 1-320th soldiers in Camp New York, Kuwait. The signs point to the soldiers' hometowns. (Top left) Pfc. Kyle Belk, Battery A, 1st Bn., 320th FA Regt. spots for 1st Lt. Johnathan Oneil, Bat. A, 1-320th on one of the makeshift weight benches at camp Top Gun. (Above left) Soldiers enjoy a Shakira music video at the Redleg Cafe. The "cantina" offers food, convenience store type goods, pool tables and a foosball table. (Bottom left) Sgt. Franklin Syder, Headquarters and Headquarters Bat., 1-320th FAR, catches up on his email at the Top Gun Internet Cafe. The center houses 14 computers from a local connection. The current rate is \$3 an hour. In addition to these amenities, every soldier goes to bed at the end of their workday in air conditioned sleep areas.

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ordinances) or anything that could hurt them.”

“Also, there may be some evidence in there,” Bishop added just hours after the 101st attack was completed.

The unit was at the site for more than two hours, serving as a conduit of information from the local citizens to the military officials involved. “We just went around collecting information from the locals that were in the area and

tried to get a feel for the temper of the crowd,” said Spc. Nathaniel Haggard of Little Rock, Ark., 431st CA Bn.

No violent incidents were reported from the citizens.

“One way communication causes a lot of riots, and a lot of civilians, as a lot of military to get hurt,” said Maj. Nathaniel Balentine of Newport, Ark., 431st CA. “The people must understand what we’re doing and we must understand what the people are doing.”

AL Batool Hospital receives coalition-funded generator

(Div. PAO) -- The Al Batool Hospital in Mosul recently received a 280 kilowatt generator which was purchased by funds from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Due to the high electrical demand in Baghdad and outlying areas, Mosul is frequently without power for some hours throughout much of the day.

The generator will give the hospital a greatly needed

power source to keep the hospital and the air conditioners running when the local power fails, essentially halting hospital operations.

The 101st Division Surgeon team worked closely with the hospital to identify shortcomings that affect the health care system in Mosul, which was state run before the liberation of Iraq.

The generator, which was a top project for the team, cost \$21,000.

The Judge Says...

Items of legal interest to soldiers

Q: How does the Uniform Code of Military Justice work? Can I press criminal charges?

A: To understand the law in this area, you must first realize that there are two types of law: civil law and criminal law.

In a typical civil law case, one individual sues another. If your dog Rex bites someone in the seat of his pants, and the victim needs medical care for his wound and a new pair of pants, he can sue you for the cost of both.

The remedy in a civil case is money, and the victim decides whether to sue or settle.

In a typical criminal case, the government prosecutes an individual. If you go to a movie theater and yell “Fire!” when there is no fire, the state can attempt to punish you. The remedy in a criminal case can be a fine or jail time, or both.

In criminal cases then, the government representative decides whether or not to take a case to court. It is not up to the victim, it is up to the prosecutor.

So, a soldier can never “press criminal charges” under the UCMJ. The chain of command alone decides whether a case should be handled by counseling or by court-martial, or

anywhere in between.

Even if the soldier is a victim, he can be a witness for the prosecution, but he does not make the decision to prosecute.

Q: Is the cost of my haircuts deductible?

A: Another legal question just in. If I spend \$150 during this mobilization on haircuts, can I claim that expense on next year’s tax return?

The answer is no. While the Army requires hair be kept within a certain standard, the costs of haircuts is not deductible on Schedule A, Form 1040, as an unreimbursed employee expense.

Preventive law tip of the week:

A verbal contract can be just as binding as a written one. Some contracts must be in writing, like home sales, but most contracts are oral.

When you call 1-800-REDROSES and order the Valentine’s Day bouquet, you are entering into a contract: the merchant agrees to send the flowers and you agree to pay. Even though the transaction is verbal, both parties are still required to perform.

Don’t be misled by barracks lawyers who tell you a contract must be in writing for it to be valid.

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the Ba’ath Party.

- Served in any Iraqi military force as an intelligence officer.

With security continuing to be a pressing issue for coalition forces, the establishment of a New Iraqi Army is a paramount concern for the 2nd Brigade soldiers, who are working directly to rebuild the army. “There’s always a sense of urgency,” Shaver said, “but it’s only to get the Iraqi people back on their feet to help themselves.”

Processing of new soldiers is spanned over a three-day process. First, recruits are given an application packet and told to bring in any required documents for enlistment. The recruits come into the office on a specified day with their completed packet and receive a date to come in and complete their processing. Finally, after all paperwork and evaluations are completed, recruits are given a date to be shipped off to training in Kirkuk, a town south of Baghdad.

The Coalition Provisional Authority, under the lead of L. Paul Bremer, coalition civilian administrator in Iraq, estimates that the New Iraqi Army will grow to more than 1,000 in a month and 9,000 by the end of the year, according to Capt. Mike Bradford, U.S. Marine Corps, at CPA headquarters in Baghdad.

Man on the Street

How have recent events affected your morale?



"I would say it hasn't affected me at all."

- Spc. Michael Bowlin of Winfield, Kan., 326th Engineering Battalion



"That incident down the road has pretty much helped morale."

- Staff Sgt. Jared Hodges of Ocala, Fla., 19th EASOS (USAF)

"I've just been going from day-to-day."

- Spc. Charles Jones of Glens Ferry, Idaho, 501st Signal Battalion



"Everytime we lose a soldier, that bothers me. But that does not put my morale boost in a downward spiral."

- Maj. Roosevelt Samuels of Buffalo, N.Y., 326th Engineering Battalion



"I've done this before. I keep myself going."

- Spc. James Tennyson of Louisville, Kent., 851st Quartermaster Battalion



"A positive boost to morale, but you look at the increase in losses this week...it's been up and down."

- Sgt. First Class James Wilson of Mount Sterling, Kent., HHC Division, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)